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Count and Countess trusted me from the very beginning and often complained the way they were fetched from Rome to Germany and were treated in Allmannshausen where they officially were guests but really prisoners without any rights. After the arrival of the Duce in Waldbichl the countess is always trying to alter her position with the help of his intervention. On the 27.9. she really got the permission - completely unexpected - to travel to Rome. A short time before ~~that~~ the count had given me a letter to friends of his in Rome asking me to give it some German soldier who was going to Rome. After the departure of the countess he told me this letter was now superfluous because the countess would see their friends but he was all the same very grateful for my intention to help him in this matter. From this moment he was speaking very openly with me. He was rather hopeful and saw in the departure of the countess the first step to freedom. She certainly would not come back and would do what she could to have him come to Rome too. He had given her a letter to the Duce in which he demanded to be arrested in Italy like the other members of the Great Council and not in a covered way in Germany. If the Duce would not get him free from Germany he would not have any regard for him. The count told me he would have his threats come true if all the tentatives should fail. Fortunately he had mistrusted the Germans from the beginning - contrary to his wife - and had made his preparations at least to revenge himself. He had given the documents he possessed from the time before the war and until the Italian intervention and an exakt diary written by himself, to some friends, mostly members of neutral embassys in Rome, and his wife had now the occasion of giving them messages about his destiny and of authorising them to publish those things, if later on they did not hear anything about him. Also his wife would take care that in this case the Pope's Government and the English and Americans

would be informed about his imprisonment in Germany. He did not like the people who with their treason had only succeeded ~~for~~ in having Italy destroyed by two parties, but he wanted to revenge himself by a scandal as big as possible if he really was lost. If he should get free he would try to go to a neutral country and write a book for which translation into German he engaged me. Perhaps I ~~xxxxx~~ might accompany him to Italy and then join him abroad. He would publish this book only after the war would be finished. This book was to be very real and would contribute in unveiling the truth about the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ story of the war before its beginning. The German people will surely demand enlightenment and for instance will hear with great interest in how big a part it owes his disgrace to his minister of foreign affairs.

Later on the count told me that he would try to flee before he definitely would give up. On my telling him that it would be very difficult for him alone he told me perhaps he might be helped by the ambassador Anfuso who certainly would do everything for him.

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